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INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1169

USDOCOSOUTH FOR POLAD

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT CY

SUBJECT: ELECTIONS TO BE HELD

REF: NICOSIA 1164 (DTG 301330Z APR 76)

1. MEETING OF PARTY LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF PRESIDENT MAKARIOS APRIL 29 DECIDED ON OCTOBER ELECTIONS FOR NEW HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. OCTOBER 3 WAS PROPOSED BUT FINAL DATE WILL BE SET BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS LATER.

2. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE ELECTIONS WILL BE CONTESTED FOR ALL  
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SIX CYPRIOT DISTRICTS WITH REFUGEES VOTING FOR REPRESENTATIVES

FROM THEIR ORIGINAL DISTRICTS RATHER THAN THEIR CURRENT DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE. PROPOSED SIMPLE MAJORITY SYSTEM, 18 YEARS OLD VOTE, AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR WORKERS OVERSEAS WERE REPORTEDLY REJECTED FOR "CONSTITUTIONAL AND TECHNICAL" REASONS.

3. COMMENT: COURSE IS NOW SET FOR FALL ELECTION AND, EVEN IF MAKARIOS WANTED, HE WOULD PROBABLY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PULL BACK FROM THIS COMMITMENT. CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS FOR HOLDING ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN BENT TO MAKARIOS' PURPOSES IN PAST, AND WE BELIEVE HIS NEW-FOUND CONCERN FOR CONSTITUTIONAL NICETIES REFLECT ARCHBISHOP'S FEAR THAT PROPOSED ELECTORAL INNOVATIONS MIGHT LEAD TO SHARP AND DIFFICULT-TO-CONTROL INCREASE IN LEFT WING'S ELECTORAL STRENGTH.  
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